



General Assembly

January Session, 2015

***Raised Bill No. 6968***

LCO No. 4736



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SCHOOL  
PARAPROFESSIONALS TO SERVE AS SHORT-TERM SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-145 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (a) No teacher, supervisor, administrator, special service staff  
5 member or school superintendent, except as provided for in section 10-  
6 157, shall be employed in any of the schools of any local or regional  
7 board of education unless such person possesses an appropriate state  
8 certificate, nor shall any such person be entitled to any salary unless  
9 such person can produce such certificate dated previous to or the first  
10 day of employment, except as provided for in section 10-157; provided  
11 nothing in this subsection shall be construed to (1) prevent the board of  
12 education from prescribing qualifications additional to those  
13 prescribed by the regulations of the State Board of Education, [and  
14 provided nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent] or

15 (2) prevent any local or regional board of education from contracting  
16 with a licensed drivers' school approved by the Commissioner of  
17 Motor Vehicles for the behind-the-wheel instruction of a driver  
18 instruction course, to be given by driving instructors licensed by the  
19 Department of Motor Vehicles. [No] A person [shall] may be employed  
20 in any of the schools of any local or regional board of education as a  
21 substitute teacher [unless] if such person (A) holds a bachelor's degree,  
22 [provided] except the Commissioner of Education may waive such  
23 requirement for good cause upon the request of a superintendent of  
24 schools, or (B) is a school paraprofessional whose assignment as a  
25 substitute teacher is for ten or fewer school days.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2015</i> | 10-145(a) |
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow local and regional boards of education to use school paraprofessionals as short-term substitute teachers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*